

## September 2016

### City Council Members:

- Ron Bigelow, Mayor
- Don Christensen, At-Large
- Lars Nordfelt, At-Large
- Tom Huynh, District 1
- Steve Buhler, District 2
- Karen Lang, District 3
- Steve Vincent, District 4

### Public Meetings:

City Council – first four Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Planning Commission – second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 4 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

### City Phone Numbers:

Main Number.....801-966-3600  
 Police Dispatch.....801-840-4000  
 Fire Department.....801-963-3336  
 Emergency.....911  
 Fitness Center.....801-955-4000  
 Garbage.....801-955-3720  
 Storm Water Utility.....801-963-3334  
 Code Enforcement.....801-963-3289

### Website:

[www.wvc-ut.gov](http://www.wvc-ut.gov)

### City Hall Address:

West Valley City Hall  
 3600 S. Constitution Blvd.  
 WVC, UT 84119

### City Hall Hours:

Monday – Thursday  
 7 a.m. – 6 p.m.



## Join Chief Russo Live on Facebook!



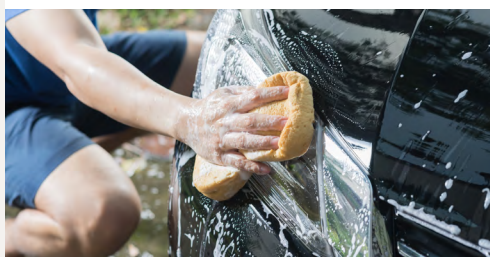
Did you know Chief Russo hosts a monthly community meeting on the second Wednesday of every month at 7 PM? If you can't make it in person at City Hall, he'll also be streaming the meeting live and taking questions via Facebook. Here's how you can join us online:

1) Visit the WVCPD Facebook Page at [facebook.com/WVCPolice](https://facebook.com/WVCPolice) at 7PM on the second Wednesday of each month and look for the Live Stream on the Page Timeline.

3) Post your questions as comments during the live stream, and Chief Russo will answer them during the meeting (if your question is sensitive, send us a direct message during the meeting).

4) Enjoy the meeting and share it with your Facebook friends!

## Stormwater Pollution Prevention: Car Washing



### What can you do?

Wash your car on the lawn or gravel. This will allow the water to percolate or soak into the ground where the soil can act as a natural filter. If you wash with more than water, choose soaps, cleaners or detergents labeled phosphate-free and biodegradable. Make sure to dump your bucket in your sink or allow it to filter through the ground -- don't dump it on the driveway. Better yet, use a commercial car wash where the water is recycled and then sent to a wastewater treatment facility.

For more information on how to prevent storm water pollution in West Valley City, visit [stormwatercoalition.org](http://stormwatercoalition.org).

To report illegal dumping call 801-509-2005.

When you wash your car in the driveway the soap, along with the dirt, grime, grease, and oil, rinses off your car and flows into nearby storm drains. These chemicals and pollutants can run directly into lakes, rivers, or streams. Many soaps contain chemicals that harm fish and some contain phosphates, which can cause excess algae to grow in local waterways. Algae not only looks and smells bad, but it uses up oxygen in the water that fish need to survive.

# Pets are part of your family.

Keep them  
**licensed**. Keep  
them **safe**. Keep  
them **home**.

## How does licensing help?

1. If a lost pet is brought to the animal shelter by a resident, we can quickly look up the tag number and contact the owner for a quick reunion. In 2015, we reunited 901 lost pets with their owners.
2. If a resident finds a loose animal, we can contact the owner and arrange for a reunion.
3. If an Animal Control Officer finds a loose pet, they can find the pet's home and return it without ever bringing it to the shelter. This reduces your pet's exposure to disease and other animals.
4. If your pet has medical issues, they can be indicated on the license, protecting them if they get loose and you are not reachable.

**Dogs, cats, ferrets and pot-bellied pigs are required to be licensed in West Valley City.**

For more information about licensing your pet, call 801-965-5800 or visit [www.wvcpets.com](http://www.wvcpets.com).



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## Bark Post: A Monthly Column

By Amalee, Community Watchdog



### Adopt, Don't Shop!

Fall is here, and with it comes new beginnings, especially for families with kids in school. If you're thinking it's time for a new pet in your life, I have some advice. Did you know I'm a rescue? My pet parents went into the shelter to look at puppies, and the next thing you know my human mom was sitting on the floor next to my kennel crying when I put my paw on top of her hand, looked into her eyes, and she decided I was the saddest dog there. To tell you the truth, I was. Found wandering the streets of West Valley with my dog mom, we were never claimed at the shelter. Shut down and scared, people say I was abused; I started out afraid of men in baseball caps, lamp cords, loud voices, and raised hands. But you should see me now! Thanks to my rescue parents, I'm queen of the world! It might sound like I was extra work, but so is a new puppy. Here are my reasons you should adopt a pet rather than buying or getting a "free" one:

1. Too many of us are dying. I'm a pit bull-daschund mix. (What can I say? Dad was an

ambitious wiener dog). Did you know that 40% of pit bulls in shelters nationwide are euthanized?

2. Puppy mills are bad news. You may have seen stories of horrible conditions, cruelty, and in-breeding that makes pets neurotic. Pet store pets come from puppy mills.
3. Buying from breeders is problematic, even if they are reputable. Pet overpopulation is epidemic. The Humane Society of the U.S. says appx. 2.4 million healthy, adoptable cats and dogs-1 every 13 seconds-are euthanized in America each year. Only 1 in 10 dogs born find permanent homes. If you want a purebred pet, they come into shelters too, or try a breed rescue group.
4. "Free to good home" puts pets in danger; sometimes animal abusers answer these ads.
5. Rescue pets are the best! We're forever thankful to those who saved us. We come in all ages, shapes, temperaments, and sizes, and we are often a mix of several great breeds rolled into one!

My pet parents say I'm their "heart dog," for when I pass on, a piece of their hearts will, too. If you are looking for your heart dog, cat, bunny, etc. and can provide a loving, stable home, then please "Adopt, Don't Shop!"

Thanks for listening,  
Amalee





## Country Club Wedding

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*Celebrate your  
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with us.*

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**Elegant Food**

**Exceptional Service**

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[overlookattheridge.com](http://overlookattheridge.com).

5055 South West Ridge Blvd.  
West Valley City, Utah 84118



## Upcoming Events

### September

- 5 Labor Day Holiday  
City Offices Closed
- 7 First Aid Merit Badge Class  
*Registration required; email  
meritbadges@wvc-ut.gov to  
register.*  
Fire Station 74, 6 - 8 PM
- 8 Citizens' Review Board Meeting  
City Hall, 9 AM
- 13 Fire Safety Merit Badge Class  
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meritbadges@wvc-ut.gov to  
register.*  
Fire Station 74, 6 - 8 PM
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Fire Station 74, 6 - 8 PM
- 14 WVC Watch Wednesday  
City Hall, 6 - 7 PM
- 14 Community Meeting with Chief Russo  
City Hall, 7 - 8 PM
- 17 K9 2K  
Family Fitness Center, 11 AM
- 17 Pooch Plunge  
Family Fitness Center, 12 Noon
- 17 Herakles  
Cultural Celebration Center, 7:30 PM

### October

- 5 Meet with Mayor Ron Bigelow  
City Hall, 4:30 - 6 PM
- 12 WVC Watch Wednesday  
City Hall, 6 - 7 PM
- 12 Community Meeting with Chief Russo  
City Hall, 7 - 8 PM
- 13 Citizens' Review Board Meeting  
City Hall, 9 AM
- 13 Emergency Preparedness Merit  
Badge Class (Part 1 - Part 2 Oct. 25)  
*Registration required; email  
meritbadges@wvc-ut.gov to  
register.*  
Fire Station 74, 6 - 8 PM
- 22 Bewitching Breakfast  
Family Fitness Center, 9:30 AM



Through 2017, the Utah  
Department of Transportation  
(UDOT) plans to complete several  
projects aimed at renewing I-215

in order to improve infrastructure  
and keep traffic moving. Drivers  
should expect closures and  
detours throughout the project.

Learn more about the project at  
[www.udot.utah.gov/215renewed](http://www.udot.utah.gov/215renewed).



#ThursdayLeague Food Trucks,  
Every Thursday  
Fairbourne Station, 5 - 9 PM

New events are added daily. For a  
complete list, visit  
[www.wvc-ut.gov/events](http://www.wvc-ut.gov/events)